



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

May 29, 2017

OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. J. Benton Hurst  
Graves Garrett, LLC  
1100 Main Street, Suite 2700  
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Mr. Hurst:

The Freedom of Information Act request you filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seeking communications with Roberta F. White related to the Ramazzini Institute since January 2009, was designated EPA-HQ-2018-001971 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response. The Office of the Administrator's interim response is enclosed.

In 2013 the EPA adopted a new email system, changing from Lotus Notes to Microsoft Outlook. The EPA conducted a search of Microsoft Outlook correspondence for Roberta White, and responsive records were located. We are still in the process of searching for pre-2013 correspondence. Upon review, portions of the records are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6, which protect the deliberative process, the attorney client privilege and attorney work product, and personal privacy. The records are released to you with corresponding redactions.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this response with an email to [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or by writing to the National Freedom of Information Act officer at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building  
Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Please note that only correspondence mailed through the U.S. Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your written appeal must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 90 calendar-day limit. In addition, appeals received after 5 p.m. Eastern time are

considered as having been received the next business day. For the quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email or the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from the EPA's FOIA public liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667 or from the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services. You may contact the Office of Government Information Services with an email to [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by calling toll free (877) 684-6448 or (202) 741-5770; with a fax to (202) 741-5769; or by mail to National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth White", written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth White  
Director

Enclosure